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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

Applicants : Ami Verhalen et al.
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 Title : SLICING MACHINE, AND METHOD OF USE AND
 COMPONENTS THEREOF
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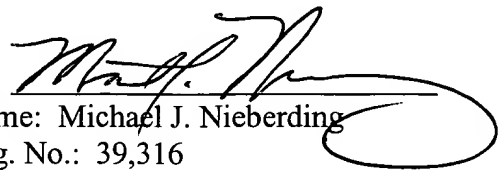
Prior to calculation of the filing fee for this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-4, 13, and 18 without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted:

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